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# Office Action Summary

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## Period for Reply

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 August 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-28 are presented for examination.

#### ***Specification***

2. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because fails to fall within the range of 50 to 150 words. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 2-8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

- a. The following terms contain minor informalities:

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- i. Claim 2, lines 1 and 3 contain the phrase “at least one at least one server”.

Do you mean “at least one server”?

- b. The following terms lacks proper antecedence basis:

- i. “a user” - Claim 8, line 2 (Is this user different from the previous introduced “said user” and “at least one user”?);
- ii. “said second network” – Claim 10, line 1 (second network was never introduced in claims 1 or 9?).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1-3 and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lambert et al (hereinafter Lambert), US 6,363,478, in view of Rubin et al (hereinafter Rubin), US 5,809,140.

8. As per claim 1, Lambert taught the invention substantially as claimed including a system comprising:

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- a. At least one server configured to execute at least one session, said at least one session comprising data associated with a user (col.1, line 67, col.2, lines 1-7, col.2, lines 44-50, 55-60, 66-67, col.3, lines 62-65, col.4, lines 3-5, 27-33);
- b. At least one client coupled to said at least one server, wherein said at least one client obtains said at least one session from said at least one server (col.1, line 67, col.2, lines 1-7, col.3, lines 62-65, col.4, lines 3-5, 27-41).

9. Lambert did not specifically disclose that the client is a stateless client. Rubin taught that the client that communicates with the server maybe implemented as stateless clients (col.3, lines 20-23, line 67, col.4, lines 1-2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Lambert and Rubin because Rubin's teaching of using stateless computer as the client computer in initiating sessions with the server enables devices with limited processing capabilities and memory to establish sessions with the server in Lambert's system.

10. As per claim 2, Lambert and Rubin taught the invention substantially as claimed in claim 1. Lambert further taught that wherein said at least one server maintains at least one state wherein said at least one state is associated with said at least one session and wherein said at least one server uses said at least one state to determine said session data to transmit to said at least one stateless client (col.1, line 67, col.2, lines 1-7, col.3, lines 3-8, 62-65, col.4, lines 3-5, 27-41);

11. As per claim 3, Lambert and Rubin taught the invention substantially as claimed in claim 2. Lambert further taught that wherein said at least one client further comprises at least one user identification input for providing identification of said at least one user to said at least one server (col.2, lines 44-56).

12. As per claim 8, Lambert and Rubin taught the invention substantially as claimed in claim 3. Lambert further taught that wherein said sessions associated with said state corresponding to said user comprise sessions accessed by a user from any of said at least one stateless clients from which said user's identification is provided to said at least one server (col.2, lines 66-67, col.3, lines 3-8, col.4, lines 30-33).

13. As per claim 9, Lambert and Rubin taught the invention substantially as claimed in claim 1. Lambert further taught that wherein said coupling between said at least one server and said at least one stateless client comprises a network (fig.1).

14. Claims 4-5 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lambert and Rubin as applied to claims 1-3 and 8-9 above, and further in view of Zhao, US 6,035,404.

15. As per claim 4, Lambert and Rubin taught the invention substantially as claimed in claim 3. Lambert and Rubin did not specifically teach that where said session comprises graphical data displayed to said at least one user at said at least one stateless client. Zhao taught that the data communicated in a session can be displayed graphically to the stateless client (col.1, lines 22-

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27). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Lambert, Rubin and Zhao because Zhao's teaching of using graphical display benefits Lambert and Rubin's system in displaying graphical or text data communicated in the session.

16. As per claim 5, Lambert and Rubin taught the invention substantially as claimed in claim 3. Lambert further taught that at least one second stateless client (fig.1) and that one can send identification information to an existing session (col.4, lines 27-33). Lambert and Rubin did not specifically teach that wherein said second stateless client connects to the same said session as said at least one stateless client. Zhao taught to use user identification to establish session (col.2, lines 25-26), provide session management in one that gains access simultaneously under a common identification and enables one to use one user identification to initiate session from multiple client computers with the server (col.1, lines 13-22, 39-46, col.2, lines 21-31, 40-44). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Lambert, Rubin and Zhao because Zhao's teachings of concurrent user access control enable Lambert's method to established same session to a second stateless client.

17. As per claim 7, Lambert, Rubin and Zhao taught the invention substantially as claimed in claim 5. Zhao further taught that wherein said at least one server continues to execute said session when said at least one stateless client disconnects from said at least one server (col.3, lines 41-49, col.7, lines 35-48). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Lambert, Rubin and Zhao because

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Zhao's teachings of concurrent user access control enable Lambert's method to continue execute the session even when one client is disconnected by the server.

18. Claims 6 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lambert and Rubin as applied to claims 1-3 and 8-9 above, and further in view of Hamdi, US 6,205,124.

19. As per claim 6, Lambert and Rubin taught the invention substantially as claimed in claim 3. Lambert and Rubin did not specifically teach that wherein said session data comprises voice data. Hamdi taught to use a digital simultaneous voice and data modem to communicate with the server to handle simultaneous voice and data traffic (col.1, lines 42-67, col.2, lines 1-6, 27-31, col.11, lines 7-28) which enables voice data communication. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made combine the teachings of Lambert, Rubin and Hamdi because Hamdi's teachings of simultaneous voice and data modem can be implemented the in the client and the server in Lambert and Rubin's method to enable simultaneous voice and data communication and handle voice data.

20. As per claim 10, Lambert and Rubin taught the invention substantially as claimed in claim 9. Lambert and Rubin did not specifically teach that wherein said second network further comprises two directional data communications comprising simultaneous voice and data traffic between said at least one server and said at least one stateless client. Hamdi taught to use a digital simultaneous voice and data modem to communicate with the server to handle simultaneous voice and data traffic (col.1, lines 42-67, col.2, lines 1-6, 27-31, col.11, lines 7-28).



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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made combine the teachings of Lambert, Rubin and Hamdi because Hamdi's teachings of simultaneous voice and data modem can be implemented the in the client and the server in Lambert and Rubin's method to enable simultaneous voice and data communication.

21. Claims 11-14, 16-18, 20-23 and 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lambert et al (hereinafter Lambert), US 6,363,478, in view of Zhao, US 6,205,124, and Rubin et al (hereinafter Rubin), US 5,809,140.

22. As per claims 11 and 20, Lambert taught the invention substantially as claimed including a method for providing data to a client comprising:

- a. Obtaining user identification information (col.2, lines 44-50, 55-60, 66-67);
- b. Providing said user identification information to a server (col.2, lines 44-50, 55-60, 66-67);
- c. Initiating a persistent session at said server (col.1, line 67, col.2, lines 1-7, 44-50), wherein said persistent session is associated with said user (col.1, line 67, col.2, lines 1-7, col.3, lines 62-65, col.4, lines 3-5, 27-33);
- d. Associating at least one state with said session on said server (col.3, lines 3-8);
- e. Providing data associated with said session to said user at a first stateless client computer (col.4, lines 27-41).

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23. Lambert did not specifically teach to provide said data associated with said session to said user at a second client computer. Zhao taught to use user identification to establish session (col.2, lines 25-26), associating state with session on the server (col.2, lines 13-15, col.4, lines 1-12), provide session management in one that gains access simultaneously under a common identification and enables one to use one user identification to communication from multiple client computer with the server (col.1, lines 13-22, 39-46, col.2, lines 21-31, 40-44). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Lambert and Zhao because Zhao's teachings of concurrent user access control enable Lambert's method to provide data associated with the established session to a second client computer. Lambert and Zhao did not specifically disclose that the client computer is a stateless computer. Rubin taught that the client computer that communicates with the server maybe implemented as stateless computers (col.3, lines 20-23, line 67, col.4, lines 1-2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Lambert, Zhao and Rubin because Rubin's teaching of using stateless computer as the client computer in initiating sessions with the server enables devices with limited processing capabilities and memory to establish sessions with the server in Lambert and Zhao's method.

24. As per claims 12 and 21, Lambert, Zhao and Rubin taught the invention substantially as claimed in claims 11 and 20. Zhao further taught that wherein said user identification comprises a unique identifier associated with said user (col.2, lines 25-28, col.3, lines 51-55). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to

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combine the teachings of Lambert, Rubin and Zhao because Zhao's teachings of concurrent user access control enable Lambert's method to provide data associated with the established session to a second client computer using unique identifier.

25. As per claims 13 and 22, Lambert, Zhao and Rubin taught the invention substantially as claimed in claims 12 and 21. Rubin further taught that wherein said unique identifier resides on a smart card (col.3, lines 20-23, 50-52, line 67, col.4, lines 1-2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Lambert, Zhao and Rubin because Rubin's teaching of using stateless computer as the client computer in initiating sessions with the server enables devices with limited processing capabilities and memory, such as a smart card, to establish sessions with the server in Lambert and Zhao's method.

26. As per claims 14 and 23, Lambert, Zhao and Rubin taught the invention substantially as claimed in claims 13 and 20. Zhao further taught that wherein said providing data associated with said session further comprises displaying graphical data to said user (col.1, lines 22-27). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Lambert, Rubin and Zhao because Zhao's teaching of using graphical display benefits Lambert and Rubin's system in displaying graphical or text data communicated in the session.

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27. As per claims 16 and 25, Lambert, Zhao and Rubin taught the invention substantially as claimed in claims 12 and 20. Zhao further taught to continue execution of said session when neither said first stateless client computer or said second stateless client computer is being provided data associated with said session (col.7, lines 53-67). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Lambert, Rubin and Zhao because Zhao's teachings of concurrent user access control enable Lambert's method to continue execute the session until the user logs out of the session.

28. As per claims 17 and 26, Lambert, Zhao and Rubin taught the invention substantially as claimed in claims 12 and 20. Zhao further taught to continue execution of said session at said server when said first stateless client disconnects from said server (col.3, lines 41-49, col.7, lines 35-48). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Lambert, Rubin and Zhao because Zhao's teachings of concurrent user access control enable Lambert's method to continue execute the session even when one client is disconnected by the server.

29. As per claims 18 and 27, Lambert, Zhao and Rubin taught the invention substantially as claimed in claims 12 and 20. Zhao further taught to continue execution of said session at said server when said second stateless client disconnects from said server (col.3, lines 41-49, col.7, lines 35-48). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Lambert, Rubin and Zhao because Zhao's

teachings of concurrent user access control enable Lambert's method to continue execute the session even when one client is disconnected by the server.

30. Claims 15 and 24 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lambert, Zhao and Rubin as applied to claims 11-12 and 20 above, and further in view of "Official Notice"

31. As per claims 15 and 24, Lambert, Zhao and Rubin taught the invention substantially as claimed in claims 12 and 20. Lambert, Zhao and Rubin did not specifically disclose that wherein said session on said server comprises a plurality of processes executing on behalf of said user. Official Notice is taken that it would have been obvious for a session on a server to comprise a plurality of processes on behalf of the user to allow the user to obtain the desire data from the server. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Lambert, Zhao and Rubin and further allow users to execute processes on the session to control, select and obtain data through the session.

32. Claims 19 and 28 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lambert, Zhao and Rubin as applied to claims 11-12, 18 and 20 above, and further in view of Hamdi, US 6,205,124.

33. As per claims 19 and 28, Lambert, Zhao and Rubin taught the invention substantially as claimed in claims 18 and 20. Lambert, Zhao and Rubin did not specifically teach that wherein

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said data associated with said session comprises two directional data communications comprising simultaneous voice and data traffic between said server and said clients. Hamdi taught to use a digital simultaneous voice and data modem to communicate with the server to handle simultaneous voice and data traffic (col.1, lines 42-67, col.2, lines 1-6, 27-31, col.11, lines 7-28). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made combine the teachings of Lambert, Zhao, Rubin and Hamdi because Hamdi's teachings of simultaneous voice and data modem can be implemented the in the client and the server in Lambert, Zhao and Rubin's method to enable simultaneous voice and data communication.

34. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Sampson et al, US 6,490,624.

Triege, US 6,226,750.

Kunzelman et al, US 6,041,357.

35. A shortened statutory period for reply to this Office action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action.

36. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenny Lin whose telephone number is (703)305-0438. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 AM to 5 PM Tuesday to Friday and every other Monday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on (703)305-8498. Additionally, the fax numbers for Group 2100 are as follows:

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)305-6121.

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